BUCHWALD HERBERT T

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]

Symbol

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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			MDC HOLDINGS INC [MDC]			(Check all applicable)				
(Last) 4350 S. M 500	(First) ONACO STREE	(Middle) Γ, SUITE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2012			_X_ Director Officer (gibelow)	10% Owner			
DENVER.	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivativ	e Secu	rities Ac	quired, Disposed	l of, or Benefi	cially Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemo Execution any (Month/Da	Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/22/2012			M	25,000	A	\$ 22.41	25,000	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/22/2012			J	25,000	D	\$ 0	0 (1)	D	
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/22/2012			J	25,000	A	\$ 0	25,000	I	By Herbert Buchwald, P.A. (2)

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Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	08/22/2012	S	25,000	D	\$ 34.01 (3)	0	I	By Herbert Buchwald, P.A. (2)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value						16,862	I	By Buchwald Equities Fund LLC (4)
Common Stock \$.01 Par Value						86	I	By BPR Management Corp. (5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of
Non-Statutory Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.41	08/22/2012		M	25,000	02/01/2012	08/01/2021	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value	25

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BUCHWALD HERBERT T 4350 S. MONACO STREET SUITE 500 DENVER, CO 80237	X					

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Herbert T. Buchwald 08/23/2012

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares transferred to an S-Corporation in which the Reporting Person is the sole shareholder.
- (2) Shares owned by an S-Corporation in which the Reporting Person is the sole shareholder.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$33.65 to \$34.37, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., any security holder of M.D.C. Holdings, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.
- (4) Shares owned by a limited liability company in which the Reporting Person is a managing member.
- (5) Shares owned by a corporation in which the Reporting Person is the controlling shareholder.
- (6) Represents a stock option under the Company's 2011 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, which meets all of the requirements under Rule 16b-3.

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